

*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE*

Applicant: Su Chen  
Title: OXYGEN-18 LABELED  
ORGANIC ACIDS AND USE IN  
DIAGNOSING METABOLIC  
DISORDERS  
Appl. No.: 10/696,051  
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Examiner: Moss, Keri A.  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 8, 2009, please consider the following remarks.

The Examiner requires two species elections. First, the Examiner requires election of a single specie of organic acid from the list recited in claims 46-53. Second, the Examiner requires the election of a single specie relating to the number of oxygen-18-labeled organic acids present in the standard that is added to the sample in the claimed method.

With respect to the first required election, Applicant elects dihydroxy mono acids for examination, without traverse.